



13th November 2020

The Honourable Minister of Finance
Federal Ministry of Finance
816 Ahmadu Bello Way
Central Business District
Abuja



Attention: Freedom of Information Officer

Dear Sir,

Re: Request for Information Pursuant to the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act, 2011

The above subject matter refers.

The Current Director-General of Nigerian Copyright Commission is said to have written a letter to your office with reference no. NCC/DG/145/119 dated the 3rd December, 2019 which is titled, "Request for Special Intervention Fund to Enhance the Collective Management of Copyright in Nigeria". It is relayed in the letter that the Director General of the Nigerian Copyright Commission requested the approval of the sum of N2,000,000 (Twenty-Two Million Naira) to the NCC to carry out forensic audits of COSON and MCSN; revamping of two ailing CMOs – AVRIS and REPRONG and for the support of the Nigerian Copyright Commission in training and capacity building of four CMOs and the acquisition of appropriate infrastructures for effective monitoring and supervision of CMOs.

However, prequel to the letter dated the 3rd December, 2019, sometime in September 2019, it is alleged that Agence Francias de Developpment signed an agreement with the Nigerian Copyright Commission to carry out the same request in the letter dated 3rd December 2019 to your office. It is alleged tha Agence Francias de Developpment fully paid.

Based on the above relayed, on behalf of Human and Environmental Development Agenda (HEDA Resource Centre) and pursuant to the FOI Act, 2011, I hereby request the following information:

1. According to the letter dated 3rd December 2019 wherein the sum of N20, 000, 000 was requested by the Director General of NCC, please kindly supply the following information:
 - a. Kindly confirm if the 20, 000, 000 referred to in the letter dated 3rd December, 2019 was disbursed to the Nigerian Copyright Commission?
 - b. What date was the payment made?
 - c. If yes to (a) and (b), kindly provide evidence of the payment details.

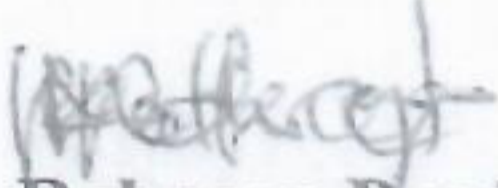
Our letter was written on the 8th June, 2020, however up till date, our request is yet to be granted. It is based on this that we write this letter as a reminder and reiteration of our request.

I look forward to receiving the information promptly via the email address: info@hedang.org; +2348106292155 and in any event, within 7 days of the receipt of this application, as required by the Freedom of Information Act, 2011.

Should you require any clarification regarding this application, please do not hesitate to contact the above-mentioned email or phone number:

Thank for your cooperation.

Sincerely,


Rebecca David
Legal Officer

